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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DEA STAFFING AND NEW OFFICE IN CURACAO

REF: STATE 283447 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON JAN 3 AT NA GOVERNOR'S NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

I HAD OPPORTUNITY TO APPROACH NA MINISTER OF JUSTICE VOS

ON THE PROPOSED PLACEMENT OF RESIDENT DEA AGENTS IN CURACAO

(CONGEN HAD FORMALLY PROPOSED THE MATTER IN A LETTER TO

VOS DATED OCTOBER 23, 1974).

2. I ASKED VOS IF A DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE FOR

PLACEMENT OF RESIDENT DEA AGENTS ON CURACAO. HE STATED

THAT HE STILL HAD THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION BUT IT

WAS EXTREMELY DELICATE. HE WAS MOST APPREHENSIVE THAT

THE MATTER COULD BE MADE A STRONG POLITICAL ISSUE

ON ARUBA AND ON CURACAO BY OPPOSITION PARTIES. HE SAID THAT

THE QTE SHOOT OUT UNQTE ON ARUBA IN WHICH A US DEA

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AGENT WAS INVOLVED WAS STILL A VERY TOUCHY ISSUE AS

WELL AS WERE THE QUESTIONS WHICH GODETT (FRENTE OBRERO LEADER) RAISED TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OVER THE FLORES CASE. HE MENTIONED THESE CASES COULD BE REVIVED AND CAUSE POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR THE CURRENT COALITION GOVERNMENT.

3. MINISTER VOS SAID THAT HE HAD PLANNED A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH POLICE COMMISSIONER OLDENBOOM AND OTHER INTERESTED GNA OFFICIALS AND ALSO IT WAS STILL AWAITING DISCUSSIONS IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. HE STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THAT HE WISHED TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY WITH THE USG DEA PROGRAM. HE ALSO MADE MENTION THAT THE CURRENT PROGRAM IN THE NA HAD BEEN FAIRLY SUCCESSFUL WITH AGENTS COMING IN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. I STATED THAT DEA WAS OF OPINION THAT MORE SUCCESS WOULD BE ACHIEVED WITH RESIDENT AGENTS.

4. MINISTER VOS DID NOT INDICATE WHEN A FINAL DECISION WOULD BE GIVEN.

5. COMMENT: IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THIS WAS A VERY DELICATE MATTER FOR MINISTER VOS AND THE GNA IN A TIME FRAUGHT WITH POLITICAL INFIGHTING IN THE NA. WHILE HE WISHED TO COOPERATE IN EVERY WAY WITH SUPPRESSION OF DRUG TRAFFIC BOTH TO THE US AND INTO THE NA HE FEARS PUSHING THE MATTER OF RESIDENT US DEA AGENTS IN THE NA COULD BRING HARMFUL POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS TO THE DELICATELY BALANCED COALITION GOVERNMENT. WHILE MINISTER VOS DID NOT EXPRESSLY SO STATE, I AM OF THE OPINION THAT HE HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER EVERTSZ AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, PARTICULARLY THOSE FROM THE ARUBAN MEP AND THAT HIS QTE GO SLOW UNQTE ATTITUDE IS A REFLECTION OF COALITION THINKING. THE CONGEN IS NOT OF THE OPINION THAT THERE IS MORE THAT CAN BE DONE BUT TO AWAIT A FORMAL REPLY TO ITS LETTER OF OCTOBER 23 REQUESTING PLACEMENT OF DEA AGENTS. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, I CANNOT PREDICT WHEN A REPLY WILL BE RECEIVED OR WHETHER IT WILL BE FAVORABLE.

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